

## MICHIGAN SENATE

## SPRING UPDATE

## FROM SENATOR ALAN SANBORN



*Representing the 11th District consisting of the Townships of Bruce, Chesterfield, Harrison, Lenox, Macomb, Ray, Shelby and Washington; and Armada, Memphis, Mount Clemens, New Baltimore, New Haven and Romeo.*

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## Bill Gets National Attention

In January, Senator Sanborn introduced Senate Bill 118, which would increase the penalties for impersonating a police officer from a misdemeanor, to a felony offense punishable by up to four years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$5000. SB 118 was passed unanimously both by the Senate Judiciary Committee, the whole Senate body and the House Criminal Justice Committee. The efforts of Senator Sanborn to move this legislation were recently praised by John Walsh (host of America's Most Wanted) and the Senator was invited to discuss his bill on Mr. Walsh's daily talk show, the John Walsh Show which is taped in New York City's Rockefeller Center. The show recently aired on WDIV, NBC's local affiliate on April 9th. Senator Sanborn expects the bill to be signed into law this spring and that it will serve as a model to other states.



Senator Alan Sanborn  
with John Walsh.

Senator Sanborn  
Shares Joy of Reading

Throughout the month of March, Senator Sanborn shared his enthusiasm for reading and celebrated "March is Reading Month" by visiting local schools to read to students. The response to the Senator's invitation to read was so great that he visited schools well into the month of April and read to more than 4000 elementary school students. As a father of three children and with 20 years experience as a youth probation officer in Macomb County, Senator Sanborn understands the connection between reading, receiving a quality education and succeeding in life.

New  
District Office!

Senator Sanborn recently moved a staff position from Lansing to a new district office located at 49 Macomb Place, Suite 55, in downtown Mount Clemens. District Liaison, Tiffany Kimble staffs the office M-F. **Call (586) 493-5792 for an appointment.**

# Economic Development a Priority for Legislature



Michigan Supreme Court Justice Maura D. Corrigan administered the oath-of-office to Senator Sanborn in January.

In addition to being appointed to chair the Senate Standing Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform, Senator Sanborn is also co-chairing the bi-cameral Joint Committee on Business Competitiveness. The committee will hold eight hearings throughout the state to receive testimony on ways Michigan can improve its competitiveness with other states when it comes to attracting new business investment and maintaining current

investment. The committee was in Macomb County on Monday, April 28 at Macomb Community College. Additional hearings will be conducted in various areas of the state. Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema has also asked Senator Sanborn to represent Michigan as a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures Committee on Economic Development, Trade and Cultural Affairs.



## Viewpoints on Important Issues

- Senator Sanborn opposes cutting Merit Award scholarships for college-bound students from \$2,500 to \$500.
- Senator Sanborn opposes the DARTA legislation because of the potential financial burden it could become for taxpayers in Northern Macomb County, while offering few benefits and services to those communities.
- Sanborn supports the formation of an oversight board for the Detroit Water and Sewage Department in order to bring accountability and disclosure to the more than 43% of Michigan residents which it serves.
- Sanborn supports Congresswoman Miller in her efforts to designate Selfridge Air National Guard Base as the Midwestern Headquarters for U.S. Homeland Security, and successfully sponsored Senate resolution 66 indicating legislative support.

## Legislative Round-up

Since the start of the legislative session for the 92nd Legislature in January, Senator Sanborn has introduced several bills in the Senate. Here's a brief summary:

- **SB 23** corrects an oversight in the tax code and will allow unit wide special assessments for emergency services to be included in the calculation for the Homestead Property tax credit.
- **SB's 42 & 43** would eliminate the requirement for the Secretary of State to issue drivers licenses and state I.D.'s to individuals not legally in the United States and would prohibit such issuances.
- **SB 72** helps pregnant and (or) parenting students find existing resources to assist them with parenting while staying in college.
- **SB 105** changes the procedure by which Michigan counties receive timber royalties from the federal government. These changes bring Michigan into compliance with changes in federal law.
- Other legislation being drafted address topics such as underage alcohol purchases, Canadian trash, support for our military and natural resources.
- Senator Sanborn has also co-sponsored more than **20 pieces of legislation**.

Visit [www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org) to learn more.

### REPORT CARD (Since Taking Office)

Senate Votes Taken:	Sanborn Votes Cast:
1,276	1,276

Record: 100%

# SURVEY QUESTIONS. . .

Please take a minute to answer the following questions and return your responses to my office at: Senator Alan Sanborn • P.O. Box 30036 • Lansing, MI 48909

**1** Do you support increasing penalties for impersonating a police officer, while committing another crime, from a misdemeanor to a felony? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**2** Do you support limiting the amount and type of out-of-state waste brought into Michigan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**3** Do you support the creation of a multi-county oversight board to review rates and award of large contracts by the Detroit Water and Sewage system? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**4** Do you support the Governor's proposal to reduce Merit Award Scholarships from \$2,500 to \$500 per student? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes, I would like a Michigan map sent to my home.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

..... Detach and return to Senator Sanborn's office .....

## SURVEY RESULTS. . .

**B**elow you will find the results of the four survey questions posed in the last newsletter. Thank you to those who took the time to participate!

- 97% of respondents support Senator Sanborn's legislation to increase penalties for intentional and repeat polluters, 1% did not support it, while 2% were neutral.
- 76% of respondents agree with Senator Sanborn and support enacting requirements for utilities to make information available to customers as to the causes of power outages, 17% did not, 7% were neutral.
- 87% agree with Senator Sanborn and support increased punishments for the murder of a police officer, 10% did not, 3% were neutral.
- 91% agree with Senator Sanborn and support mandatory minimums for felony sexual assault of a child, 5% did not, 4% were neutral.

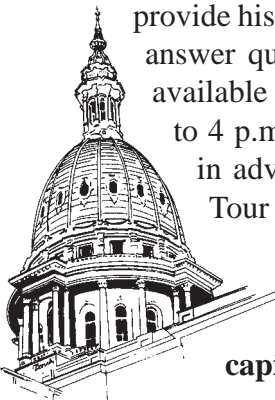


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## Capitol Tours are Available

**G**uides from the Capitol Tour and Information Service are available to lead groups around the building's public areas as well as the House and Senate Galleries. They provide historical information on the capitol building and answer questions on the legislative process. Tours are available Monday-Friday, every half hour from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Groups of 10 or more must schedule tours in advance. For more information call the Capitol Tour and Information Service at (517) 373-2353 or contact Senator Sanborn's office at (888) 353-ALAN. **Senator Sanborn's office is now located in S-310 of the historic capitol building. Stop in and say hello!**



## Have Coffee with Senator Sanborn!

Starting in April, Senator Sanborn has begun holding District Coffee Hours, where constituents are able to meet with the Senator personally and discuss legislative concerns. The first one was held on Saturday, April 26th from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Papa's Restaurant in Armada. The next Coffee Hour will be held on May 24, 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the Romeo Family Restaurant at 66020 Van Dyke in Romeo. Future District Coffee Hours will be held monthly throughout the district. Visit the Senator's web page at [www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/sanborn](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/sanborn) for info on the next scheduled event.

## E-mail Newsletters Now Available



Due to budget reductions, Sen. Sanborn's update newsletter will now be printed in black and white. However, if you would like to assist us in saving even more money and receive our full-color e-mailed version, send the Senator an e-mail. In the body, include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. Send to [senasanborn@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senasanborn@senate.michigan.gov) with "Newsletter Subscription" in the topic line.

## Cable Show Information

Tune into Sen. Sanborn's Cable Show, Macomb Today! Macomb Today airs at various times on local cable stations, channel 6 in most areas. Keep an eye in your local listings for show times or visit [www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/sanborn](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/sanborn)

## Internship Opportunities Available!!!

Are you a full-time college student interested in being a page or intern at the State Capitol? If so, call Senator Sanborn's office at (888) 353-ALAN.